IN THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A contactless IC card ~~that is capable of~~ configured for executing a plurality of applications and responds to a request from a reader/writer using a slot that was set by a random number, and comprising:

a plurality of random-number-generation units that are separate from the applications, and operable to independently generate a random number for setting the slot;

a random-number-generation-instruction unit operable to designate the random-number-generation unit to be used for a response to the request from among the plurality of random-number-generation units; and

a slot-setting unit operable to use the random number generated by the random-number-generation unit that was designated by the random-number-generation-instruction unit and perform the response.

2.   (Original)   The contactless IC card of claim 1 wherein the random-number-generation-instruction unit designates the random-number-generation unit to be used for the response based on an application from among a plurality of applications stored on the contactless IC card that is set by specified data.

3.　　(Original)　　The contactless IC card of claim 1 wherein

the random-number-generation-instruction unit changes a designation of the random-number-generation unit based on an instruction from the reader/writer.

4.　　(Original)　　The contactless IC card of claim 2 further comprising

a random-number-generation-data-acquisition unit operable to acquire random-number-generation data that is contained in the request and that designates the random-number-generation unit; and wherein

the slot-setting unit uses the random-number-generation unit that is designated by the random-number-generation data to acquire a random number, and use that random number to perform the response.

5.　　(Original)　　The contactless IC card of claim 4 wherein

the random-number-generation data designates an application that is stored on the contactless IC card; and

the slot-setting unit uses a function provided in the application designated by the random-number-generation data to acquire a random number, and use that random number to perform the response.

6.   (Original)   The contactless IC card of claim 2 wherein

the application can be downloaded through communication and that application

comprises the random-number-generation unit.

7.   (Original)   The contactless IC card of claim 1 further comprising

a switch that is operable to physically select the plurality of random-number-generation

units; and wherein

the slot-setting unit selects the random-number-generation unit based on the status of the

switch, and use the random number generated by selected random-number-generation unit to

perform the response.

8.   (Original)   The contactless IC card of claim 1 further comprising

a random-number-generation-notification unit operable to store data, which indicates the

random-number-generation unit that was used for the response, in the response; and wherein

the slot-setting unit sends the response storing the data to the reader/writer.